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1. THE EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF THE FRG BIEW OF USG-GDR RELATIONS SET FORTH IN REFTEL HAS AN ADDED DIMENSION FROM THE VANTAGE POINT OF EAST BERLIN. THERE IS PERHAPS EVEN A THIRD "GOLDFISH BOWL" (PARA 7) IN WHICH THE US EMBASSY WILL BE OBSERVED BY THE GDR ITSELF. A RESIDENT US PRESENCE AND FORMAL ACCESS TO GDR OFFICIALS IS SOMETHING NEW FOR EAST GERMANS.
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2. THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ENTERED INTO RELATIONS WITH
THE GDR CHANGES THE PICTURE MOST IMMEDIATELY FOR
THE EAST GERMANS, WHO NOT ONLY HAVE THEIR OWN
SENSITIVITIES WITH REGARD TO TERMINOLOGY AND
SOVEREIGNTY, BUT WHO ARE ALSO, JUDGING BY FRENCH
AND BRITISH EXPERIENCE SO FAR, FEELING THEIR WAY
SOMEWHAT UNCERTAINLY IN ESTABLISHING DIRECT TIES WITH
THE WESTERN ALLIED POWERS.

3. BONN'S CABLE MAKES THE IMPORTANT POINT
THAT THERE HAVE FOR YEARS BEEN SEVERAL AUDIENCES
FOR ALLIED ACTIONS AFFECTING BOTH GERMANIES AND ALL
OF BERLIN. WITH THE ESTALISHMENT OF THE US EMBASSY
TO THE GDR, THE EAST GERMANS WILL BECOME A MORE DIRECTLY
ENGAGED AUDIENCE WITH THEIR OWN INTEREST TO PURSUE.GROVE

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